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TO : Chief, Foreign Branch M
FROM : Chief of Station, Vienna CFA
SUBJECT: GENERAL- Operational
SPECIFIC [] Project

DATE: 21 June 1949
Attention: []

1. Forwarded herewith are 3 memoranda from [] dealing with various phases of the [] project. Recently much of this material was obtained through re-interrogation of [] to ascertain his bona fides.

2. [] account of [] Hungarian contacts in Western Europe since 1 January 1949 makes it abundantly clear that we must try to limit [] activities to some extent, since he has been in contact with too many people and a number of these persons have previously aroused our suspicion. We have sent traces on these individuals to [] and cautioned him to exercise a restraining influence on [] activities.

3. Some of our file material may not be available to Washington and may be summarized here:

a. Sandor UJVARAY, mentioned as an agent of Gabon FENTER in MSG 1350, is described by Hampton/V as a gangster and racketeer without character who was dismissed from the Ministry of Reconstruction for theft and other malfeasance. Among his associates OIL, USPA lists such disreputable characters as Thomas BUN who came to Austria with UJVARAY to seek UNRRA aid for Hungary. At that time, 10 January 1946, BUN traveled in a Soviet uniform.

b. Janos SARAI is known as the source of SGG-635, although we do not know with whom he was in direct contact or why he is now claiming to be collecting information for "an American boss."

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check, that c. Ferenc KOVACS, Wash 3883 indicated that he accompanied Lajos HABESZ to Vienna from Budapest in October 1946 allegedly in the interests of the Communist Party.

d. Col. Lajos HABESZ, Rome 398, 24 October 1946, characterized him as chief of operations of the Hungarian Ministry of War in 1944. He was evacuated to Camp Voelklabruick where he was recruited by the Ancona

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Police to create and coordinate anti-Communist Polish-Hungarian military action. NADAS visited Baron APOR in Rome in October 1946 seeking cooperation. APOR did not commit himself in view of NADAS' compromised past, but promised to keep in contact.

e. Dezsö STERN, reportedly a friend of Gábor PETER, described in JMK-3736 as employed by AJDC along with his brother, Lajos, mentioned in Van Pelt's interrogation of HHS on 8 April 1947.

f. Gyula SZABO - traces too numerous to list.

g. Mrs. István ORBÓDY is described as the widow of an Hungarian medical corps general and a delegate to the International Red Cross. She is allegedly an idealist, but a report dated May 1946 which mentioned her does not specify what kind of an idealist.

h. László KOVACS was described in LSX-434, the interrogation of Renato Von Gerlinda SZERDAHÉLYI, as secretary in Budapest to Peter FORDA, an important Soviet agent. Since the name is extremely common, identification is uncertain.

i. Attention is particularly invited to [] report from [] on the status of the ZAKO group, and the possibilities which ZAKO and Karoly HEY offer for furthering our intelligence aims in Hungary. ZAKO is clearly a person to be approached with great care.

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Attachments:

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